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Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to your February 28, 1991 letter concerning late issuance of the Operable Unit 2 Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action Plan/Environmental Assessment (IM/IRAP/EA). We appreciate your position that delays related to DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements are unacceptable. However, we must comply with DOE policy that says we cannot release an Environmental Assessment (EA) until DOE Headquarters has approved the EA and made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The EA was approved and a FONSI was signed March 7, 1991. Copies of the Final Responsiveness Summary (RS) the IM/IRAP/EA were placed in the public reading rooms on March 8, 1991. In addition, media announcements ran Monday March 11, 1991. Copies of the RS and IM/IRAP/EA are being transmitted to you today. Also, it is worth noting that earlier delays from contracting problems, already suffered by OU2, kept the NEPA delay from adversely impacting the schedule.

We also note your February 25, 1991 letter concerning our proposed schedule for the Woman Creek IM/IRAP/EA. We acknowledge your concern about the similar proposed NEPA time periods and your proposal for an alternate schedule. However, before we can negotiate the Woman Creek IM/IRAP schedule, we must reach concensus on the NEPA issue within DOE. Copies of the February 25 and 28, 1991 letters have been forwarded to DOE Headquarters for review. Needless to say, your letters have focused attention on the NEPA issue, and we will work to reach a solution which is acceptable to all parties.

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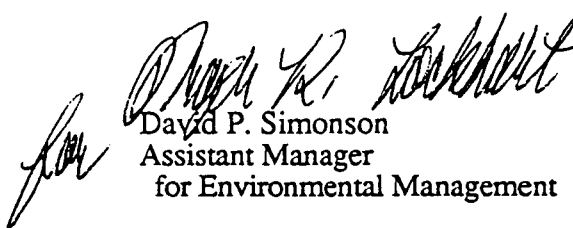
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Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Scott Grace of my staff at 966-7199.

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